

WG#8: Tools and Environments

Report Summary

- **Problem Description / Technical Scope**
 - enable development of the complex parallel adaptive software systems crucial to next generation of application systems
- **Relevant Disciplines / Technologies**
 - languages, compilers, performance, etc.
 - frameworks, standards, representations, etc.
- **Major Technical Challenges**
 - Framework for end-to-end tool support
 - Dealing with adaptive, dynamic systems

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Addressing the Challenges

- **Challenges**
 - **C1: enabling large scale PAD applications and systems**
 - **C2: enabling compositional development in the face of adaptivity**
 - **C3: spanning diverse architectures**
- **Novel Approaches**
 - **A1: integrated systems of tools**
 - **A2: coherent abstraction hierarchy**
 - **A3: bi-directional interfaces**

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Projected Outcome

- **Outcome 1**
 - rapid prototyping of large complex systems
- **Outcome 2**
 - common tool framework for multiple platform
- **Outcome 3**
 - demonstration top to bottom PSE for some PAD domains

Investment Strategy

- **DARPA, Industry Support**
 - Why DARPA? - large scale experiments
 - What other collaborations? multiple phase project where industry joins in second phase
- **What if we did not do this?**
 - risk of failure of new projects is increased
- **Optimal Scale of Efforts**
 - 15% of all project budgets increasing in out years, mixed scale projects

Other Issues Addressed

- **Most new projects have large measure of overlapping software technology requirements.**
- **Projects can go their own way or pool some resources for common software problems.**
- **Method and tool developers must be firmly coupled to the projects and requirements**
- **Separation of concerns - separate specifications of application and architecture**
- **Many issues discussed, will be addressed in report**

Other Issues Addressed

- **tools infrastructure projects**
- **meta-tools**
- **collaborative development of tools**
- **integration of development and operations**
- **early instantiation of tools for new architectures and application domains**